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A wood screw for joining multi-ply wood structures in a shear connection such as roof trusses and multiple plies of structural composite or sawn lumber holding a wood structural member to another member such as a sheet metal member a heavy metal member or another wood member wherein the screw includes a shank having a threaded portion and an unthreaded portion. A knurled means is provided on the shank between the threaded and the unthreaded portion for forming an annular zone of mashed and severed, as well as unsevered, wood fibers for preventing wood splitting and laterally holding the screw to the wood structural members in a tight fit.

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